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## House of Representatives

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. EVANS).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
April 5, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DWIGHT EVANS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
House of Representatives.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, we grieve yet again for the loss of one of our own, another brave member of the Capitol Police, William "Billy" Evans. We pray for his family and friends, for those who served alongside him, and all those who so deeply feel his passing.

On Friday, many Christians acknowledged the sacrifice You made in Your love for us. How profound it is that on that same day, Officer Evans sacrificed his own life for the love of his country and the defense of democracy. There is no greater love.

Dare we, God, pray also for souls like Noah Green, whose life was tormented by mental illness and depression. Sadly, there are countless others who wrestle with these afflictions and uncontrollable rage, who believe that life is only a war to be fought. Lord, even in our anger, may we find a way to pray for those who would turn their wrath on us.

God, we desire atonement for these atrocities and for the injustices brought upon the Capitol, and we need answers for their prevention. Hear our

prayers for wisdom and courage. May we lay down our fear, anger, frustration, and deep sadness before Your throne of grace, that Your divine judgment would prevail; that Yours would be the last word; and that Your peace and justice would reign in this place, in our lives, and in this country.

We pray in the abiding love of Your holy name.  
Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BISHOP) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE SERGEANT AT ARMS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, March 29, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, following consultation with the Office of Attending Physician, I write to provide you further notification that the public health emergency due to

the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 remains in effect.

Sincerely,  
TIMOTHY P. BLODGETT,  
Acting Sergeant at Arms.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the extension, pursuant to section 3 of House Resolution 8, and effective April 5, 2021, of the "covered period" designated on January 4, 2021.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE REPUBLICAN LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable KEVIN MCCARTHY, Republican Leader:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, April 1, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker of the House,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to Section 4 of the US Semiquincentennial Commission Act of 2016 (Public Law 114-196), I am pleased to appoint the following Members to the United States Semiquincentennial Commission:

The Honorable ROBERT B. ADERHOLT of Alabama.

The Honorable MARIA ELVIRA SALAZAR of Florida.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
KEVIN MCCARTHY,  
Republican Leader.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE REPUBLICAN LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable KEVIN MCCARTHY, Republican Leader:

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